

School Discipline Policies

Does the state outline reporting requirements for suspension and/or expulsion?

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At least 39 states and the District of Columbia outline reporting requirements for the use of suspension and/or expulsion in statute or regulation. At least 11 states have reporting requirements that are specific to certain types of student conduct. For instance, at least nine have such reporting requirements for possession or use of unauthorized firearms; the reporting of which is necessary for receipt of federal funds under the federal [Gun-Free Schools Act](#).

Note: In this resource, “controlled substances” could refer to drugs, alcohol, tobacco or any combination of these. Similarly, references to firearm/weapons could refer to just firearms, just weapons or both. Please use the citations given to find more specific language on these policies.

This data point highlights reporting requirements in state policy regarding the use of suspension and/or expulsion. To view other data points in this resource, click [here](#) — the information on this page is closely related to [this data point](#) on discipline data disaggregation requirements, which may be of interest. The following information was gathered from state statutes and regulations only.

STATE	Does the state outline reporting requirements for suspension and/or expulsion?	Source
Alabama	Not specified in statute or regulation.	
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Arizona	Yes. The governing board of a school district shall develop procedures that require the school district to annually report to the department of education in a manner prescribed by the department the number of suspensions and expulsions that involve the possession, use or sale of an illegal substance.	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-843

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Arkansas	Yes. Annually, the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall report at the school, district, and state level data concerning exclusionary disciplinary actions, in-school suspensions, and corporal punishment.	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-516
California	Yes. Each school district shall maintain data on suspensions and expulsions.	Cal. Educ. Code § 48916.1
Colorado	Yes. Boards of education must annually report to the state board of education on the number of students expelled from schools within the district.	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 22-33-105
Connecticut	Yes. The Department of Education shall annually examine data relating to in-school suspensions, out-of-school suspensions, expulsions and school-based arrests that has been submitted as part of the strategic school profile report.	Conn. Gen. State. Ann. § 10-233n
Delaware	Yes. The Department of Education must compile and release an annual report on student discipline, including both statewide totals and individual school data, for each of the school years in the report, on the issuance of out-of-school suspensions, expulsions, alternative school assignments, and in-school suspensions.	Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 703
District of Columbia	Yes. Each local education agency shall maintain discipline data including total number of in-school suspensions, out-of-school suspensions, involuntary dismissals, and emergency removals experienced by the student during each school year.	D.C. Code § 38-236.09
Florida	Yes. Each school principal must ensure that standardized forms prescribed by rule of the State Board of Education are used to report data concerning school safety and discipline to the department. The school principal must develop a plan to verify the accuracy of reported incidents.	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 1006.09
Georgia	Yes. Each local board of education shall file an annual report, by August 1 of each year, regarding disciplinary and placement actions taken during the prior school year, including suspensions by violation type.	Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-740
Hawaii	Yes. For suspensions related to the possession of a firearm, the superintendent shall submit to the United States Department of Education, the state board of education, and the legislature an annual report indicating the number of students excluded, the types of firearms found in their possession, and the schools from which they were excluded.	Haw. Rev. Stat. § 302A-1134 Haw. Code R. 8-19-19

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Idaho	Yes. The superintendent of public instruction must annually submit a report on expulsions related to firearm/weapon possession as directed in federal law.	Idaho Code Ann. § 33-512
Illinois	Yes. On or before October 31 of each subsequent year, the State Board of Education, through the State Superintendent of Education, shall prepare a report on student discipline in all school districts in this State, including State-authorized charter schools. This report shall include data from all public schools within school districts, including district-authorized charter schools. This report must be posted on the Internet website of the State Board of Education. The report shall include data on the issuance of out-of-school suspensions, expulsions, and removals to alternative settings in lieu of another disciplinary action.	105 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/2-3.162
Indiana	Yes. The Department of Education is required to compile information on suspension and expulsion, including the violation type.	Ind. Code Ann. § 20-19-3-4
Iowa	Not specified in statute or regulation.	
Kansas	Yes. Each board of education shall annually compile and report to the state board of education information including the type and frequency of criminal acts required to be reported, arrests and referrals made to law enforcement or juvenile intake, and assessment services made in connection to the criminal act.	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 72-6143
Kentucky	Yes. School districts shall report the number of suspensions, expulsions, and corporal punishments to the Center for School Safety.	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 158.444
Louisiana	Not specified in statute or regulation.	
Maine	Yes. The superintendent shall annually report data on the number of students who are expelled from school and the number of students who are readmitted to school after expulsion to the commissioner's consultant on truancy.	Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A § 1001
Maryland	Yes. The Department of Education is required to submit an annual student discipline data report that includes a description of the uses of restorative approaches and a review of disciplinary practices and policies.	Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 7-306

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Massachusetts	Yes. Districts must report all suspensions and expulsions to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The department must make district level data available to the public--disaggregated by student status and other categories.	Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. 71 § 37H
Michigan	Yes. School boards must submit an annual report with data on expulsion and incidents of crime to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.	Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 380.1310a
Minnesota	Yes. School districts must electronically report to the commissioner of education incidents involving the use or possession of a dangerous weapon in school zones.	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 121A.06 Minn. Stat. Ann.. § 121A.51 Minn. Stat. Ann. § 121A.53 Minn. Stat. Ann.. § 121A.55
Mississippi	Yes. The Mississippi Department of Education must report disaggregated data at the state and district levels on suspension and expulsion.	Code Miss. R. 30.4
Missouri	Yes. Districts must report violent behavior and acts of school violence to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Relatedly, schools may be designated as "persistently dangerous" if they meet a number of criteria, which includes rates of expulsion for certain prohibited activities.	Mo. Code Regs. Ann. tit. 5, § 20-100.210
Montana	Yes. Schools must maintain records of expulsions or out-of-school suspensions, with detailed explanations required.	Mont. Code Ann. § 20-1-213 Mont. Admin. R. 10.55.910
Nebraska	Yes. Each school district must annually issue a report to the department of education that compiles descriptions of circumstances surrounding any expulsions related to firearms.	92 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 17, 004 Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 79-263
Nevada	Yes. Annual accountability reports must include information on student discipline, including instances of suspension and/or expulsion.	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 385A.250
New Hampshire	Not specified in statute or regulation.	
New Jersey	Yes. School and district report cards must include the number and percentage of students who received a disciplinary suspension.	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 18A:7E-3

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New Mexico	Not specified in statute or regulation.	
New York	Yes. Districts must annually report information on student discipline and violent or disruptive incidents to the Commissioner of Education. A summary of this information must be included on district report cards.	N.Y. Educ. Law § 2802
North Carolina	Yes. The State Board of Education must annually report the number of students suspended, expelled, and subjected to corporal punishment.	N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 115C-12
North Dakota	Not specified in statute or regulation.	
Ohio	Yes. Data maintained in the education management information system must include suspension and expulsion rates. For school years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, each school district or school must report the number of out-of-school suspensions and expulsions issued to students in grades pre-kindergarten through three. In each of these years, the department of education must present a report with this information to the General Assembly. After the 2021-22 school year, this requirement will continue only if the department of education determines that such continued reporting is still necessary.	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3301.0714
Oklahoma	Not specified in statute or regulation.	
Oregon	Yes. Expulsions due to firearm possession must be reported to the department of education.	Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 339.250
Pennsylvania	Yes. School superintendents must report information on expulsions for firearm/weapon possession to the department of education. Chief school administrators must annually report to the Office for Safe Schools on all incidents involving acts of controlled substance possession/use/sale; firearm/weapon possession; physical harm; and instances involving a number of criminal offenses. This list must also include the disciplinary sanction imposed by the school for these incidents.	24 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. § 13-1317.2 24 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 13-1303-A
Rhode Island	Yes. The council on elementary and secondary education must annually present the general assembly with a report on school discipline, including expulsions and suspensions.	R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 16-2-17 R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 16-60-4

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South Carolina	Not specified in statute or regulation.	
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Tennessee	Yes. The commissioner of education must annually report on disciplinary actions in Tennessee schools, including the number of students suspended/expelled, the reason for disciplinary action and alternative placements.	Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3401
Texas	Yes. School districts must annually report to the commissioner of education on out-of-school suspensions, expulsions, and disciplinary alternative program placements.	Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 37.020
Utah	Yes. Local school boards and governing boards of charter schools must prepare an annual report on disciplinary actions and violations for the State Board of Education. Starting July 2023, the state board must develop an annual report on disciplinary actions, arrests of a minor, and other law enforcement activities. This report must include the number of disciplinary actions imposed, including the reason for the action and type of action.	Utah Code Ann. § 53E-3-516 Utah Code Ann. § 53G-8-205
Vermont	Yes. Superintendents must annually provide the secretary of education with a report describing expulsions in cases of firearm possession.	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 16, § 1166
Virginia	Yes. The department of education must annually collect and report data on alternative education programs for students who have been suspended and expelled, including the numbers of such students and relevant student achievement data. Additionally, the department of criminal justice services must annually collect and report data on the use of force against students and information on other disciplinary actions by school resource officers involving students.	Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-277.2:2 Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-279.10
Washington	Yes. Districts must collect and record data on disciplinary actions taken in schools in the statewide student data system. De-identified information must be made publicly available. Districts must also report incidents involving firearm/weapon possession to the Superintendent of Public Instruction each year. School districts that have a school resource officer program must produce an agreement with the local law enforcement agency that includes annual reporting requirements regarding calls for law enforcement service and the outcome of each call, including student arrest and referral for prosecution.	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 28A.320.124 Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 28A.320.130 Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 28A.600.460

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West Virginia	Yes. Principals must report to the State Superintendent of Schools on violations of the firearm/weapon possession policy. Suspensions and Expulsions must be recorded in the West Virginia Education Information System.	W. Va. Code, § 18-2-43 W. Va. Code Ann. § 61-7-11a
Wisconsin	Yes. The state superintendent must develop school and school district performance reports. These reports must include, among other things, information on suspensions and expulsions.	Wis. Stat. Ann. § 115.38
Wyoming	Not specified in statute or regulation	